

## Vermin in Bodine



Students now resolved to placing mouse traps around their rooms to catch the critters

by Anamika Kak

he residents of Alfred V. Bodine Hall are up in arms against an attack of a rather strange nature. It is not the Ethernet breaking down, nor is it the non-functional heaters — it is something more sentient — mice!

Smooth, suave, and swift, these tiny terrorists were first spotted back in the summer. Ashok Regmi, the first complainant, declared, "I saw a mouse disappear into the heater!"

Apparently, the mice infestation is peculiar to the residents of the fourth and seventh floors. The degree of infestation is illustrated by Linda Allen and Patricia Ekins, residents of the fourth floor in Bodine. They have been plagued by mice three times in the past week (November 3 to November 10) alone. Patricia said, "I had a cup of instant noodles in my closet and one day when I looked at it, there was a hole in the container." She added,

"Last night, I didn't sleep in my room. I can't because it is like sleeping with an animal." They resorted to using two mousetraps, and today, one rests near the hole in the wall through which the mouse disappeared.

Jee-Eun Lee, another resident of the fourth floor, "heard a scratching noise in the closet at 3:00 a.m. on Friday" (November 6). When she finally opened the door, a mouse ran out across the room and disappeared into the heater. "After that, my roommate just freaked out," she commented.

One respondent, requesting anonymity, claimed, "When I came into the room, that mouse was on my table next to some bread, nibbling on my papers. As I stood there stunned and shocked, the mouse, sensing my presence, darted under the bed and disappeared in the heater."

When questioned about whether the mice are moving through the heaters, Emnet Kflu, Resident Director of Bodine Hall, said, "I don't know how the mice surfaced in here, but I am going to give mousetraps to those who complained."

David Oestreicher, the director of residential life, was more forthcoming with the explanation of the mice problem. "The first complaint came in about a month ago. So the exterminator put mouse traps in the basement and at the backdoor, near the garage dumps."

According to Mr. Oestreicher, there are approximately 17 rooms currently infested with mice. The fact that his apartment is one of these rooms might be of some con-

## Better protection at ABC

by Zornitza Lilova

f you have walked in the ABC building in the past few days, you should have seen the numerous signs warning you that you can't walk around the building without your PAD device. Recently, the building manager, Professor Juliusberger, put a long-existing rule in action. Students can't be in the Center for class or practice after 5:30 in the evening if they don't have their beepers with them. According to him, this rule has existed for a long time, but he was the one to put it in action. The decision wasn't solely his, it was taken by a group of people for the sake of the safety of the students.

"Wearing PADs applies to music and arts students only. If there's a school event in the

building, that's another matter," Prof. Juliusberger says. "Although there haven't been any incidents at ABC, there is always a risk and carrying the beepers gives the students more protection. All students are as my grandchildren. And I don't want my granddaughter to be hurt by a stranger who's drunk, crazy, or simply curious, while she's practicing the piano," adds the building manager. "All of the students pay for these devices, I don't see why they don't carry them!"

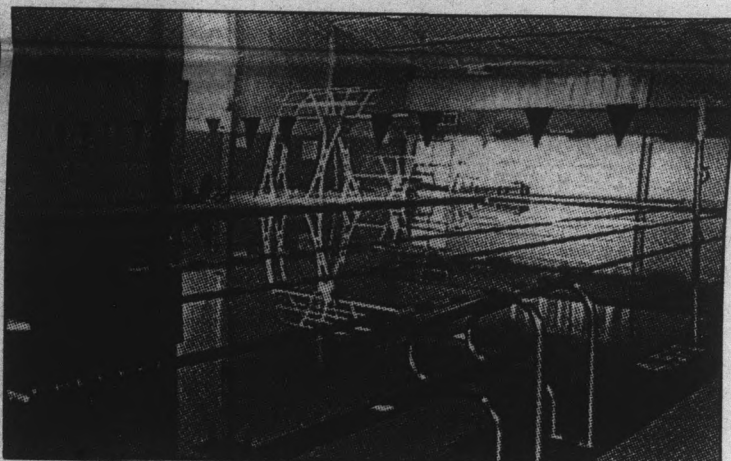
The Director of Campus Security, Mr. James Mooney, strongly supports the decision of Prof. Juliusberger. "I think that it's good for the students to have their PADs. There are guards in the front, but this is a big building and in the after-

hours, there are usually only a few students practicing. It's better for their protection. Also, all of them pay for the beepers, so I don't see why they don't make a full use of them"

From the students' point of view, it's good to wear the PAD. "It's a scary building," Jelena Djordjevic says "and I carry my beeper with me anyway." Her colleague Aida Dovic adds, "Last year we were there working up to midnight and we were so frightened that an incident might happen. It's beneficial to wear the PADs, although it might seem annoying."

Remember, you feel safer when you have the beeper with you! So next time you go to ABC, don't forget to bring the device with you.

## Lifeguard dilemma at Wheeler Rec



At times, the pool at Wheeler Rec is closed when there are no lifeguards on duty

by Fabiola Trivino

he belief of alleged job discrimination at the Wheeler Recreation Center seems to be the first thing that comes to some international students' minds when the pool is closed due to lack of lifeguards.

Some students of the University of Bridgeport's international community said they believe the Wheeler Recreation Center (WRC) prefers to hire only domestic students as lifeguards, with the purpose of federal reimbursement of the wages paid. There have also been complaints because some international students who have applied for the lifeguard position felt discriminated after being turned down by the WRC, when there are hours that the pool is closed because there are no lifeguards to supervise it, sources said.

Matthew Reed, manager of the WRC said that for a period of five weeks, the US Government requires every

school to give priority to students that qualify for the Federal College Work Study Program when they are looking for a job on-campus. He also affirmed that international and domestic students that do not qualify for this program, but for what is called student employment, have to wait the period imposed by the U.S. Government. "We cannot hire international students for the period imposed because the Work Study Program is only for domestic students and we must give priority to these students by law," Mr. Reed said. However, he also mentioned that not every domestic student is eligible for this program, and they also have to wait until the period is over. "I have turned down domestic students that come to me because they do not qualify for the Work Study Program," he said.

Mr. Reed said that once the period is over, if he has openings, he notifies the University of Bridgeport Associ-

ate Director of Financial Aid, Florence Lacroix, and she sends eligible international and domestic candidates for the lifeguard and front desk clerk positions. He added that the applicants for lifeguards must have an American Red Cross Certificate in order to be considered for hiring. WRC staff member, Sandy Batsu, indicated that they also accept stamped international certificates when international students have had some previous experience as lifeguards.

In response to the complaints of the alleged preference to close the pool over hiring more lifeguards to supervise it, Mr. Reed said that he has rejected applications for the lifeguard position from domestic and international students because there are no openings. "If we close the pool it is not because there is not enough personnel, but because sometimes the lifeguards cannot come to work for their personal reasons and finding a substitute at the last minute is almost impossible," he stated. At the moment, WRC has hired seven student lifeguards, all domestic, from which only three qualify for Federal College Work-Study Program, said Ms. Lacroix.

Mr. Reed also said that when the lifeguards cannot work, it is a very hard situation for him because he has to close the pool for a few hours until the lifeguard of the next shift arrives. "There have been

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# First woman to be appointed new fellow to NEC

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

The permanent representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations, Ambassador Akmaral Arystanbekova, became the first woman to receive an Honorary Fellowship to the New England Center for International and Regional Studies on October 22. She visited UB and gave a lecture at the College of Chiropractic auditorium on Kazakhstan, and how it has fared after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

President Richard Rubenstein welcomed Her Excellency, and talked of the importance of her visit, especially considering "our commitment to promote global understanding." Dr. Stoyan Ganey then introduced the speaker as a leading UN diplomat and one of the major figures in the UN for seven years.

The ambassador accepted the nomination of Honorary Fellow and joins the distinguished ranks of other Fellows, like the President of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Hennadiy Udovenko, and Dr. Julio Maachi, Chairman of the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange. She stated, "This is one of the greatest privileges in my life."

Ms. Arystanbekova was the Foreign Minister before she was appointed as the first ambassador of Kazakhstan in April 1992. She was elected Vice President of the First Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations dealing with political affairs recently, and is also the Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board of UNICEF.

The former Soviet republic, made an independent state in December 1991, is currently one of the most successful emerging markets. For the first time in its history, elections were held and there are now fifteen ministers. The country has managed to avoid turmoil in the first years of development, and 1998 was proclaimed a year of unity. There are no hostilities between Kazakhstan and any other country at present.

Ms. Arystanbekova talked about how the country was being made into a model democracy. They are specifically targeting women, and have included in their constitution an increasing amount of women in major political roles, specifically addressing violence against women. The country is ridding itself of all its nuclear weapons, and has a personal stake in nonproliferation issues because of the

470 nuclear explosions that took place in Kazakhstan during the Soviet era.

Professor Natalia Romalis, a mathematics professor at UB said, "They understand that the future of Kazakhstan is based on education." She was pleased that the students were introduced to such a high level person.

Ms. Arystanbekova presented a small red carpet to UB as a symbol of Kazakhstan's goodwill, and Dr. Ganey was charged with the task of finding an appropriate spot on campus to place it.



Her Excellency, Ambassador  
Ms. Akmaral Arystanbekova

## Building searches on campus

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

The Bridgeport Police Training Academy, located in North Hall, has been using UB buildings to train recruits in building searches. The latest hall to be utilized in this manner has been the abandoned Schine Hall.

The academy has been on-campus since August 1991, and their ten-year lease is close to completion. They train officers and recruits of many municipal police departments and certain state departments.

They started to use Schine Hall in May 1998, after they were informed that the building they were using at the time for their exercises, Warner Hall, was to undergo renovations. They have used Warner Hall since 1991, and according to them, it was like searching a warehouse. "The good thing about dorms," said Officer Kenny Rotunno, "is it's like teaching recruits

about searching apartments." That is ideal for instruction and training on how to safely negotiate a building.

Officer Rotunno stressed that every time anyone goes in there, they are strictly supervised, and they never use live ammunition. Instead, they use Hollywood blanks. Campus Security is informed in advance as to when the Academy wants to use the building.

This is the second time they have had to move buildings. The first time was when Bodine Hall; the first hall to



Isaac E. Schine Residence Hall, as seen in postcards sold in the UB Bookstore

be used by them for training purposes, was to be reopened. After that, they moved to Warner, and now had to move again.

It remains to be seen if they will move again, if Schine were ever to be reopened, or if their lease is not renewed.

## Bulgaria wins World Cup '98



An ecstatic Bulgarian team after a long match against Japan that was decided by penalty kicks (7-6)

### Notice

On November 15 - 18@ 1998, the University will host the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Site Visitation Team.

Team members will be available to meet with students on November 17 at 12:00 Noon in Marina Dining Hall.

Also on Tuesday, November 17 at 4:00 p.m. the team will be available in Carlson Hall Room 152 to meet members of the University faculty, staff or student body.

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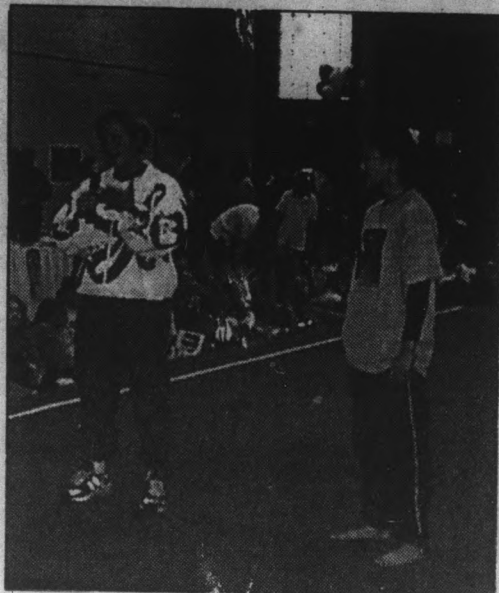


# Olympic Gymnasts make appearance at Seaside Invitational

by M. L. Davis

On Saturday, November 7, two world famous athletes graced our campus with their presence and a performance. Amy Chow and Amanda Borden, gold medalists from the 1996 U.S. Olympic Gymnastic team, were here strutting their stuff and interacting with the enthusiastic audience at the Harvey Hubbell Gymnasium.

The final competitive schedule for the University of Bridgeport Seaside Invitational Gymnastics Meet featured almost 300 of New England's best gymnasts, who competed for awards and points for future meets. The Seaside Invitational was attended by an array of enthusiasts including 50 inner-city Bridgeport



The gold medalists fielded questions from the audience, and other gymnasts about their lives after the Olympics

youngsters. The event is just one of many playing a part in the guests of honor. President Richard Rubenstein took the

the "South End rebirth."

The two-day meet had all of the traditional gymnastic events, such as the balance beam, uneven bars, vault, and floor exercise. The competition was followed by an exciting awards ceremony. On Saturday, after the young competitors collected their awards, the University of Bridgeport's Gymnastic Team was introduced, as well as

podium, and related to the audience that he and his wife, Dr. Betty Rubenstein, had traveled all the way from Germany to attend the Seaside Invitational. He told the crowd and competitors, "There is no place in the world that I would rather be." He then introduced the UB Gymnastics Team, and spoke of their impressive accomplishments, including that the UB Gymnastics Team has been the E.C.A.C. champions for seven of the last ten years. The audience did not have to take President Rubenstein's word for it, as shortly afterwards, the team was introduced one member at a time, and each gave a sample per-

formance of their event as they entered. Afterwards, the moment that everyone was waiting for had finally arrived. Amy Chow and Amanda Borden took the floor.

The audience warmly received the Olympians with a standing ovation to which Ms. Borden later commented, "That was the nicest reception we have received since the Olympics. It's nice to know that we are still appreciated." Ms. Borden then related her experiences leading up to the Olympics, including her rigorous training schedule and her heartbreaking injuries prior to

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## UB approved for new program

by Sharon Loh

On October 21, the Board of Governors of the State of Connecticut Department of Higher Education approved UB's application for International Political Economy and Diplomacy (IPED) as a new undergraduate program. UB is the only university in the East Coast and the second university in the U.S. to have such a program. The other university with such a program is the University of Puget Sound in Washington.

According to the Dean of the College of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies, Anthony J. Guerra, "IPED is a relatively new program, and hopes to offer students a wider, more

liberal education than that of a typical undergraduate business major." He adds that the

**"The future is very bright. UB's innovations are widely imitated in Connecticut and beyond. UB has pioneered the way for new approaches."**

**-Dean Anthony J. Guerra**

program "will provide the studies for understanding how political conditions and eco-

nomics are interrelated."

This apparently, according to Director of the New England Center, Dr. Stoyan Ganey, is a trend that is currently very popular in Europe and is beginning to flourish here in the United States. The NEC, which Dr. Ganey refers to as the "think tank" for the designing of the international program, was initially given the responsibility of researching and proposing the new program. This is part of NEC's responsibility "to create some new ideas for the development of the University as an international academic institution,... as stated in our mission statement," says Dr.

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## Dental Hygiene gets new Equipment

by Daniel Chin

The School of Dental Hygiene will be getting much needed new equipment. The news comes as no surprise considering the continuing renovations in UB.

The Dental Hygiene program is an undergraduate level program only, and its students are easy to spot wearing the tell-tale blue gowns. For years no improvements could be made to the program because of budget restrictions. Due to recent financial growth in the University, funds are being used accordingly to improve facilities for students.

Cynthia Howard, the Interim Director of the Fones Dental Hygiene program says the

improvements have been going on for the last three years. The source of the new funds is an amount set aside from the school's budget specifically for renovations.

Unbeknownst to most people, the Fones Dental Hygiene School's founder, Dr. Alfred Civilian Fones, the creator of the profession, established the first dental hygiene school back in 1913 here in Bridgeport which later became "a part of the Junior College of Connecticut in 1949, which later became UB.

The school shares space with the Chiropractic program in the Eleanor Dana Hall. The program is widely respected in its field.

Resources such as computers are shared with the Chiropractic Collegel. To this point, new radiology equipment, furniture, and a student lounge have been added to the school. With the 88 students in this program, more changes are expected to come. "I see us having a new clinic, and new dental chairs," said Mrs. Howard.

With all the renovations and improvements being made in UB, this is just another sign of change.

Hopefully, the Student Center is the next item on the agenda.

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**Marcy Kaptur (D), U.S. Congresswoman, Ohio** writes: "Mr. Cole has obviously invested a great deal in researching his subject and I admire his tenacious curiosity. Again, I thank you for sharing this documentary with myself and other Members of Congress." **Yehuda Bauer**, head of the **Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry and Humanities (Jerusalem)**, writes: "A powerful, dangerous video..."

The **Jewish Defense League** writes (in a "Wanted" ad for Mr. Cole, on the Internet, which includes Cole's photograph): "An evil monster like this does not deserve to live.... We must get rid of this monster.... There needs to be ... the elimination of the Holocaust deniers. JDL wants to know the location of ... David Cole. Anyone giving us his correct address will receive a monetary reward."

The FBI has termed the JDL a "terrorist organization."

The **Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith** refuses to publicly condemn the **Jewish Defense League**, for this language of hate. The reason is clear. The ADL, by proxy, is "using" this threat of violence against a Jewish scholar in its own struggle to help censor open debate on the Holocaust controversy. This betrays our First Amendment and runs contrary to Article 19 of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Who benefits from such censorship? Americans?

Over the past decades there have been thousands—if not *tens of thousands*—of hours of one-sided Holocaust allegations broadcast to the American people. Is it not fair that those of us who are not anti-German bigots, who no longer believe the gas chamber stories but do believe in intellectual freedom, should be given 90 minutes—**only 90 minutes!**—to debate the Anti-Defamation League over the suppression and censorship of holocaust revisionism? (10.5)

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# The future of business in Russia discussed

*Russia's military science technology, says Dr. Kvint, is comparable to that of the United States*

by Arman Gevorgyan

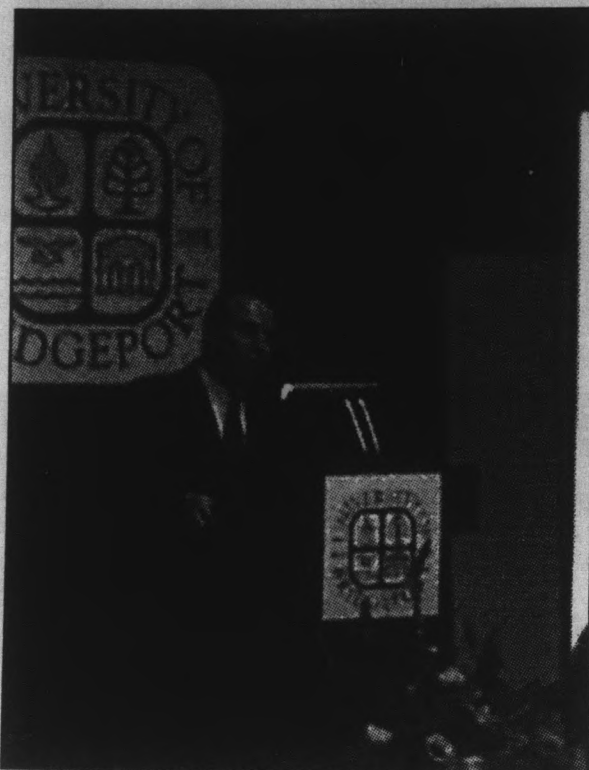
On October 21, Dr. Vladimir Kvint gave a presentation on "The Future of Business in Russia," in the Tower Room of the Arnold Bernhard Center. Dr. Kvint, a member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences and contributor to Forbes Magazine, is currently teaching at the Fordham University Graduate School of Business.

Dr. Kvint noted that the Soviet Government misrepresented information on its economy, which led to misconceptions about the real state of the economy that Russia inherited from the Soviet Union.

Dr. Kvint then continued with an overview of the current economic situation in Russia. One of Russia's biggest challenges is to attract foreign investment in order to overcome the shortage of capital. Currently, the Yeltsin government has been severely ineffective in accomplishing this goal. For comparison, Brazil alone received more foreign direct investment just in 1997 than Russia since 1992.

At present, Dr. Kvint said, the world is in the worst economic crisis since World War II. This crisis, the speaker said, was the reason for the decline of the Russian population's income by 10% over a period of several months. As a result, thirty-three million Russians, or approximately 22% of the population, are currently below the poverty line. Unemployment has risen in double-digit percentage figures over this period. More than half of the businesses were not profitable. The Russian government debt amounts to \$178 billion.

Dr. Kvint warned that poverty does not mean that Russia. He stressed that Russia possesses one of the best-educated labor forces in the world, especially as far as scholars and scientists are concerned. In certain areas, such as military science, Russia's technological level is comparable to that of the United States.



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Why then has Russia not become a prosperous country, if it has all the necessary natural and labor resources to prosper? The answer, Dr. Kvint feels, is in the poor efficiency of the Soviet-style management system. He noted, in fact, that during the Soviet years, the government would spend \$2.19 to obtain \$1 of gross domestic product (GDP), and that the rate of the GDP growth in the USSR was declining for several decades.

What is the future of Russia? Will it be able to recover from the crisis? Dr. Kvint was extremely cautious in answering these questions, claiming that

he did not wish to make any predictions. He pointed out that only Russia can help itself. Administrators in Russia should become exposed to the Western management system. Another privatization of government property is necessary to reduce the corruption. However, he did not disclose which of the Russian political figures, in his opinion, are willing and able to lead the country through another transition period of economic and political reforms.

Yaroslava Kadulina, a freshman, said, "The lecture was very informative. It helped me to look at Russia from a new perspective."

Dr. Kvint's presentation was organized by The University of Bridgeport School of Business and the New England Center for International and Regional Studies.

**Scribe Meeting  
TODAY  
8:30 p.m.  
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two deaths in the history of this pool because no lifeguards were there to help," he stated. "The pool cannot be open to the public if a lifeguard is not there. I cannot take risks."

Ms. Lacroix said that the University is not discriminating against international students when it comes to employment, but that the institution is following federal regulations. "The Work Study Program is designed by the government for domestic students that have shown financial need," she stated. "According to this program, the University is promising the student a job on-campus in order to make the continuance of their education possible."

Ms. Lacroix affirmed that the US Government pays seventy-five percent of the wages of the Work-Study Program students and that the University takes care of the rest. "If we do not use all that money, we must return it to the government," she said. Ms. Lacroix added that every time the school returns money to the government, next year's funding for the program is decreased, and that the University cannot afford to lose that amount of money. "The help from the government has decreased approximately fifty percent since I have been working for this school. The school lost approximately \$100,000 last year in federal funds," she said. Ms. Lacroix emphasized that UB is not playing preferences, but only following the rules.

Every department under the Uni-

versity's jurisdiction must give priority to the students that qualify for Federal College Work Study Program, with the exception of Marina Dining Hall, which is controlled by Marriott, and Buildings and Grounds, which was in need of employees at the beginning of this academic year. "All departments, with the exception of Marina and this year, Buildings and Grounds, are required to hire Work Study Program students as the first choice by law," Ms. Lacroix stressed. She also said that she knows that there are some departments that choose to ignore the rules of the Financial Aid procedure, but emphasized that every single student, domestic or international, must come to her office with an employer referral and a Social Security card.

Ms. Lacroix also noted that school departments can request the Financial Aid Office to make exceptions in the case of hiring a student that does not qualify for the Federal College Work Study Program when the position offered requires some degree of expertise. Examples of this are tutors, and lab monitors. She also mentioned that some international students were not aware of certain rules, and exceptions that can be made when it comes to on-campus employment. "In order to inform the students about this issue, (on-campus employment) a workshop might be offered as part of orientation, so they will know everything from day one," Ms. Lacroix said.

## SCUBA hosts animal rights discussion

by Ana Kleshelskaya

On Thursday, October 22, the Social Cerebral Society of UB, SCUBA, hosted Friends of Animals activist Julie Hughes. The meeting was originally to be held in the Commuter Lounge of the Student Center. However, by 8 p.m., about thirty-five gathered students were forced to move to the lobby, due to some technical complications with the VCR.

During the delay time, Ms. Hughes demonstrated some of the tools commonly used in trapping fur animals. She placed a regular pencil in one of the traps. The trap loudly snapped shut, breaking the pencil in half. "This is what would normally happen to the bone of the trapped animal," said Ms. Hughes.

The movie was a collection of exclusive Friends of Animals' investigative reports on fur farms and trapping sights. It presented graphic scenes of how animals are kept, killed and skinned in front of others awaiting the same fate.

The underlying theme of the presentation was the ethical question of

the fur industry existence. One of the ads presented by Friends of Animals gave the statistic that over thirty-five minks are needed to make just one coat. To stress the point even more, hidden camera scenes showed animal farms. There, animals are tossed around as objects, foxes are gassed, and minks have their necks broken, as they cry out their last call for help.

"Some scenes were quite gory," said Naya Kolarova, vice-president of SCUBA, who was barely able to sit through the entire presentation.

After viewing the movie, the floor was open to questions from the audience. That spurred a lively discussion.

Friends of Animals is a Connecticut-based organization whose primary focus is animal well-being. "It is often a misconception," Ms. Hughes concluded, "that all animal rights activist are identified with the fanatics smearing paint on fur coats." According to Ms. Hughes, Friends of Animals has never been involved in any acts of vandalism. Their regular activities are fundraising and lobbying of prominent political figures.

## From Mice, page 1

solation to those under mice threats.

Mr. Oestreicher told The Scribe that these are field mice, which are capable of squirming underneath the doors and moving between the rooms through the heaters. "There is the hot water pipe and the mice move on these and hence, there may be just two or three of them in all."

The maintenance department at Bodine is apparently undermanned. However, the problem is being addressed. Janet Meritt, Dean of Stu-

dents, says, "this problem is totally unacceptable and the issue will be addressed immediately. After all, the students are entitled to a healthy and safe environment."

Mr. Oestreicher feels that the problem of mice infestation needs to be addressed cumulatively. "I think all of us, the Office of Residential Life and the students need to work together to sour these mice!" That is something with which many in Bodine Hall can currently agree.

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## Joint Congress: Student Congress, Senate, & House of Representatives

### Formation of Student Committees:

*Academic* - serves as the investigative and advisory body for academic affairs to the Joint Congress. Chairperson - Nobuya Yoshizaw.

*Public Relations* - serves as the informational and communicative body for the Joint Congress. Chairperson - Lucas Mc Cloud.

*Social Life* - serves as the organizational and advisory body for social events to the Joint Congress. Chairperson - Bèylul Solomon.

*Financial* - serves as the governing body concerning financial matters for the Joint Congress. Chairperson - Lafir Thassim.

*Student Development* - serves as the investigative body concerning student life for the Joint Congress. Chairperson - Alejandro Gonzalez.

### Amendments to the Constitution of the Joint Congress:

1. Profits from events that are funded by the Student Congress are returned to the club/class sponsoring the event. Fifty percent (50%) of the total gross revenues will be returned to the Student Congress, after the profit money has been deducted. The remaining fifty percent (50%) will be returned to the Student Congress.

2. The Financial Committee may approve food and drink expenses of up to \$200. Expense greater than this amount must be brought to the Student Congress.

## Student Congress

### Committee Reports

*Academic Committee* - The academic committee prepared a letter to be presented to the faculty and administration stressing the need for faculty to attend professional development seminars, and the need for a review and improvement of the faculty evaluation forms.

*Public Relations Committee* - The public relations committee established a regular advertisement in The Scribe to inform students of the issues, actions, and accomplishments of the Joint Congress

*Social Life Committee* - The social life committee began preparations for the Mr. & Miss UB charity event.

*Financial Committee* - The financial committee has been approving allocations presented to the Joint Congress, and proposed the two approved amendments to the Constitution.

*Student Development Committee* - The student development committee began organization of the Students' Needs Week. An investigation into the lack of an operational bowling alley and radio station has also begun.



## Editorials

## UB World Cup

The first annual UB World Cup soccer tournament was held on November 7, with seven countries competing for the title of best soccer team on campus. As can be expected of any event held for the first time, there were a few mishaps, but through cold weather and one no-show, India, the event went as well as could be hoped for. The Student Congress provided funding for the event, but refused to give cash to be used as prize money.

There could have been a number of things that could have been improved, certainly. There were only a few teams participating, not enough attention was given to scheduling, there were no team jerseys, and students just did not know much about the event in general. However, I think everyone who participated enjoyed the competition and excitement. Perhaps having more events would have been entertaining for more people, but then we could not call it a World Cup. Playing only soccer brought focus and attention to the sport which is not unlike the metric system in the eyes of

Americans.

Also, the World Cup is more competitive in nature than the UB'lympics. It has a higher level of competition and performance, whereas the UB'lympics was more like a day in the park. Unfortunately, no one has made a move to sponsor UB'lympics this year. I think that the school can support both a World Cup and UB'lympics. In fact, both events should be held annually.

The two events are held by different groups, but with the same purpose. They both encourage more interaction between the people of different nations in a friendly, yet tough competition. In the end, the beneficiaries are the students and the school, and should that not be the ultimate goal of any event held? Finally, I'd like to say congratulations to all those who participated, for braving the cold weather and coming out to play.

## On the Lighter Side

## Top Ten things thrown from Seeley's windows

10. Stolen dishes: In an attempt to get free bowls and cups, students did not realize that the plague of horrible food follows the dishware.
9. Pumpkins: This may be due to the ambitions of residents trying to raise a pumpkin patch outside their windows.
8. Skunks: Apparently after enough vodka, the skunks from the local population are easily mistaken for a species of flying squirrels.
7. Members of Student Congress: After a few more bottles of vodka, they also bear a striking resemblance to flying squirrels.
6. Issues of The Scribe: We have no idea why anyone would ever give up this fine work. Most likely this is due to gusts of wind.
5. Ceiling tiles: These have recently been used as makeshift frisbees.
4. Unused condoms: Hey, it could be worse... at least they aren't throwing used condoms out the windows.
3. Used condoms: Who didn't see that coming a mile away?
2. Reading packets from Fine Arts C101: In a dramatic rejection of Plato's Imitation theory of art, students express their aesthetic views by hurling photocopies of *The*

## Republic from their windows.

1. Old drinks (water, soda, beer, etc.): Because the sink is just so far away.

## Rugby House



Regardless of location, students will still attend drinking parties

Recently, the Rugby House Bar has come under considerable attack from administration. While some questionable activities may be going on at the pub (including rumors of people having up to 18 drinks in a three-hour period), we see another side of the story. Not only is the Connecticut Yankee Athletic Club a fully-licensed place of business, but the members of the club are offering a valuable service to UB students in providing a place to drink on-campus. This service allows students to participate in an activity that they would do anyway, in a setting where driving home afterwards is not necessary.

Although we believe that UB administrators are justly motivated, they are going about things the wrong way. They are undoubtedly opposed to the bar because they are interested in providing safety for students, a purpose that nobody will argue. The problem is that administrators are under the illusion that closing the bar will stop UB students from drinking. Anybody who has talked to a few of the bar's patron would realize the absurdity of this notion, as these students are going to continue chugging their beer, whether the bar is supplying it or not. The only thing that has changed for these students since the bar has opened is loca-

tion. That is, instead of driving through the marvelous atmosphere of Bridgeport's finest liquor stores, they have the option to stay on campus and get just as wasted here. Maybe some people subscribe to the idea of "see no evil, know no evil," but the reality is that the students you see running around like drunken fools on campus are students who do not have to drive home in that idiotic drunken state.

What should administrators interested in safety do? Well, instead of working against the Rugby House, they should recognize the potential that an on-campus bar has to promote responsible drinking, at a location close enough to walk home afterwards. If anything, administrators should be encouraging the Connecticut Yankees to continue their assistance in keeping drunk students out of cars.

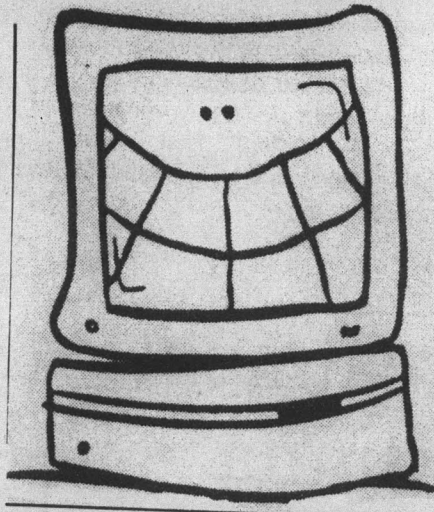
## Tracking Technology Trends

Check out music, movies, and your time of death

by Puneet Batra

When the editor for The Scribe asked me for my article yesterday, I was pretty sure I had not even thought about it. I had to turn on my computer this afternoon and browse the web so I could come up with a bunch of sites for you to visit. I'm sure you've come across a lot of lists (I have!), but I tried my best to name some sites that you would actually like to visit, rather than those that the sponsors would like you to visit. One site that really caught my interest was "The Deathclock," ([www.deathclock.com](http://www.deathclock.com)), where you can enter your birth date and a few other details, and it will give you the exact date of your death along with a countdown in seconds. I have my doubts about its validity but it is great for a few laughs. Here is what a visitor to the site wrote: "To prove your theory wrong, I'm going to kill myself right now. Good riddance." Please do not take any inspiration from this.

Once you are aware of your personal day of reckoning, and wish to shop for clothes in the remaining few seconds of your life, the Gap has a solution if you ran out of change for the bus to the mall. At [www.gap.com](http://www.gap.com), you can browse the store online and make a purchase without having to search for the right size. Another online store that I liked is DreamWorks Records, ([www.dreamworksrec.com](http://www.dreamworksrec.com)). I would not buy a CD from the site but it is an awesome, high-impact site with



some great effects. Make sure you download the plug-in, (<http://www.macromedia.com/shockwave/download/>), before you visit the site for the full effect. The download does not take more than half a minute on a modem connection. However, if looking at movie soundtracks does not quench your thirst for Hollywood, Movielink, ([www.movielink.com](http://www.movielink.com)), is the site to look at before you drive to the cinemas. Besides getting information about movies playing in local cinemas, you can e-mail Mr. MovieFone, ([AskMrMF@moviefone.com](mailto:AskMrMF@moviefone.com)), with your questions about a particular movie. That way you can make sure you do not have to spend a "Night at the Roxbury," with a couple of idiots from Saturday Night Live.

If a night at the movies does not appeal to you, I have a site that can keep you occupied for quite some time.

Remember Bert and Ernie from Sesame Street? Here is a different side to Bert. The website [www.funkatron.com/bert/bert.htm](http://www.funkatron.com/bert/bert.htm) has enough evidence to have him questioned by the Central Bureau of Investigation. The site is hilarious and has some excellently edited images of Bert, indicting him for everything wrong on this planet. The main page has a mugshot of Bert from the San Francisco Police department. Other pictures include Bert as O.J. Simpson's lawyer, and a chair-flinger on the Jerry Springer show. Do not even think about not looking up this site because it will definitely have you smiling.

On a more serious note, there is more out there on the web than anyone can even imagine. You do not even need a telephone directory anymore, (don't trash it yet, though). At [www.switchboard.com](http://www.switchboard.com), you can search for a person by name and it has a nationwide database of phone numbers and e-mail addresses. It does not replace the phonebook yet, but it is pretty comprehensive and might meet up to your expectations, (unlike STS, who have discontinued the \*69 feature students were enjoying). Go ahead and look up that high school buddy you lost touch with and give him a surprise call.

In the meantime, I must take leave. Take your pick of sites to visit and go there.



## Spanish 101, not user friendly

The University of Bridgeport, like most other centers of higher learning, offers foreign language courses. UB currently offers French, Spanish, Korean, and Japanese. Spanish 101 at UB is designed to be a course in basic Spanish. Unlike some other colleges, UB has adopted a method of teaching Spanish that is centered around listening comprehension skills instead of the traditional reading, writing, and speaking skills.

In Spanish 101, students watch a soap opera, called "Destinos." By hearing the characters speak Spanish, any beginner is supposed to be able to learn the language. In the textbook that accompanies this series, they describe this method of teaching as "innovative and enjoyable." Speaking as a student who is currently enduring this class, I would choose the words "frustrating

and confusing."

Maybe for someone who knows some Spanish, this method could be effective. When I registered for Spanish 101, I assumed it would be geared toward the true novice. To my dismay and disbelief, I found myself, on the first day of class, watching TV characters rattle out words that had no meaning to me.

On my syllabus, it states that this method is "similar to the way in which a child naturally develops language skills." It takes a normal child four to five years to develop language skills by listening to others speak. I also do not know too many college students who think like children. To believe that you can teach an adult a second language without first giving them the basic grammar and vocabulary skills is, in my opinion, ridiculous.

Jacquelyn Rudd

## Fine arts necessary for general education

At this time, which is my last year in UB, I want to thank everybody who was next to me for their advice and their friendly position. And I want to write about my ideas on the Fine Arts course. If it is necessary or not for students, if it is a "cool" or a "stupid" course.

My opinion is that this specific course is necessary for all the students, for everybody who wants to be an active member in society, and if he or she wants to have a general education.

This course is not "stupid" because it opens our blind minds, and helps us to realize how people were thinking many years ago. It helps us to understand our nature. I can not think of myself without a general education

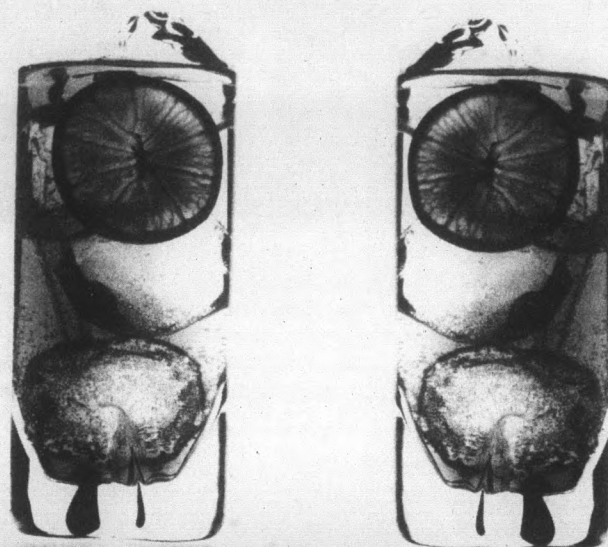
about the arts, because everything is related to art. For example, if I want to add something onto my car, if I have to decide which shirt to put on with these pants, if I am somewhere and everybody has an idea about a piece of music or a picture, and I want to participate as an active person in society, I must have knowledge about art.

On the other hand I want to say to the professors who are teaching these courses, don't make the class boring. Try to keep the class "cool," and don't forget that this course is not part of many of our majors. Many students do not know anything about art before this class, and finally, to keep any class "cool" or on a good level is in your hands, professors.

Vasilis D. Karakas

One will quench your thirst.  
The other could set you up for rape.

Which would you drink?



Rape is a sad reality. And it can happen to anyone. Even you.

When secretly slipped into a beverage, even a glass of iced tea, sedating substances can leave anyone vulnerable to sexual assault. You may not be able to see it, smell it, or taste it. And you don't have to be at a bar or club. It could happen in any social setting. The tragic fact is that the reasons for rape really have nothing to do with you. It happens only because there are people who wish to harm.

But there are some things that may help reduce your risk:

- Always keep your beverage in sight.

- At social gatherings, don't accept open-container drinks from anyone.

- If you experience dizziness, extreme drowsiness, or other sudden and unexplained symptoms, call someone you trust. Go to a hospital emergency room immediately. Try to retain a sample of the beverage for testing.

If you think you've been sexually assaulted, call (888)999-5545 for a rape crisis center near you, or call the police immediately. Don't be afraid to reach out for help. There are tests to help prove you've been drugged, and a federal law that can put the rapist in prison for 20 years.

## On The Spot

Do you think we should have a place on campus that serves alcohol?



"I think that's a great idea! It's better to have one on campus than to have people have to drink somewhere else and drive home."

Beylul Solomon



"Yes, that would've been perfect. Maybe they should sell alcohol to people who are 18 and older."

Floni Bajraktari



and have a couple."

"I think it would be awesome. It would eliminate a lot of drinking and driving around here and it would give people who don't have a car a place to relax

Katie Rossiter



"Oooh! Yeh! I've been wishing for this for the past one year. But, a place that does not check I.D's."

Mrinalini Dar



that's pretty cool."

"Most colleges have a campus pub. If we are to graduate and become adults, we have to be treated like one. P.S. As long as you're 21,

Ian McKenzie



"You have my complete and undivided support for this initiative."

Alex Martchouk



"Good idea. It will save money for the students. They will not have to go too far to get something they have decided they need."

Janusz Suchowiejko



"Why not?! There should be a place where students can unwind after a long, hard working week. There is nothing wrong with it."

Calena Johnson



## On the lighter side

Mighty, Mighty Bosstones  
latest album, a live concertby Angela  
Purdos

In their sixth album "Live From the Middle East" (Big Rig/Mercury) the Mighty Mighty Bosstones have recorded live from their "4th Annual Hometown Throwdown" which took place in December of 1997 at the Middle East club in



Cambridge, MA. The bass player of the group, Joe Gittleman, had this to say about the event, "The City of Boston and our people here are very important to us. In 1994, we had been touring constantly for about three years and were feeling a little homesick. We wanted to come back and have a killer show for all our friends and families, and invite all the bands we like so we could hang out and see them play."

The Bosstones's latest is similar to their past albums, but it contains live versions of previously released songs. The album has characteristics similar to "The Offspring" which is a popular rock band, and one of my favorites. Though "The Offspring" is a really great band and it is a compliment to be compared to this group, if I wanted to listen to "The Offspring" I would have bought their album. Many of the "Mighty Mighty Bosstones" songs are

very similar but they all sound quite interesting. Probably the best song on the album is "The Impression That I Get," which is an unforgettable, upbeat tune. This song was an extremely popular song during the summer of 1997. If you choose to buy this album, remember that it is a compilation of the Bosstones's past and present songs.

Recently, the group was honored with a Star on Tower Records's "Walk of Fame" in Boston, MA. The Tower Walk of Fame originated in 1993 to celebrate Boston's musical history, honoring many acclaimed bands that originated in Boston. Other bands that were given this award are Aerosmith, Gang Starr, Peter Wolf, Arthur Fiedler, and New Kids on the Block. This award was presented to The Mighty Mighty Bosstones by Clash guitarist, Joe Strummer.

Saxaphonist to have  
Latin Concert

The University of Bridgeport's Music Program is proud to present a FREE concert featuring saxophonist Francisco Planas in his Senior Recital entitled, "A Prelude to Puerto Rico." The event will take place on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 P.M., in Merten's Theater at the Arnold Bernhard Center in the University of Bridgeport.

The concert will feature various popular songs like "Yesterday" by The Beatles, arranged for latin style for a now-flavor bound to please all music lovers. Other popular songs include "Evergreen (Barbra Streisand)," "A Night in Tunisia (Dizzy Gillespie)," "Lullaby of Birdland" (George Shearing) and many more. These latin styles range from Salsa, Bomba, Plena, Latin Jazz and Boleros. There will also be a segment dedicated to Classical Puerto Rican music such as "La Borinqueña, the Puerto Rican National Anthem."

Francisco Planas, a native of Ponce, Puerto Rico, is a resident of Bridgeport, Connecticut. He is a graduate of Central Magnet High School. While he was a student there, he was involved in many activities such as jazz band, saxophone quartet, and other small ensembles. He was also the drum major of the marching band and the saxophone section leader. Mr. Planas received the Fairfield County

Scholar-Leader Award as well as a full scholarship to the University of Bridgeport. He is in the process

of finishing his BA in Music Education and will start graduate school in the Fall of 1999. Francisco has maintained a 3.85 G.P.A. and has been appointed to the Dean's List and Presidents List every semester at the university. He has appeared with many jazz and latin groups, some of which include Hechizo, Brasa, Dimension Musical, Raices Latinas and The Fairfield County All-Star Jazz Ensemble. Mr. Planas has performed as a guest artist at Fairfield Wood's Annual "Music and Arts Day." He performed at the Shubert Theater, and also played at President Clinton's Connecticut arrival.

Halloween Party -  
Inferno

by Seemanti Borkotoky

The Latin American Club has done it again. The Halloween party 'Inferno' had around 350 people in attendance, making it one of the most successful parties of the semester so far. The event was held in the Student Center Social Room on October 30. Says Eduardo Kim, Treasurer of the club, "I'm really glad the party was successful. We tried to do something different and on behalf of the board, I would especially like to thank the new members for their support and hard work."

Nearly everyone who attended the party was in some sort of costume. There was a competition held at midnight to decide the best-dressed person. Eight finalists were chosen and the crowd was asked to decide who the winner was by shouting out. The final winner, who was dressed as a baby on his mother's back, received a gift pack from Liz Claiborne. The costume was a very unusual one and worthy of the prize. There was also a huge screen that was put up which showed scenes from horror movies and close

ups of people dancing. Reactions to the party have been very mixed. Puja Shreshta says, "I loved the party. It was one of the better parties of the semester." Although most people enjoyed it, they had higher expectations and felt that the DJ could've done a better job. Says Ola Ogunye, "I liked the party a lot and it was great to see all the costumes and people from outside UB, but I think the DJ played too much Spanish music." Mekdim Desta claims that "even though the party was alright, the DJ should have played more hip-hop and reggae."

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## Party for the Festival of Lights

by Sasha Shetty

On October 24 the Indian spirit was at its peak. The Diwali Bash, hosted by the Indian Student Association, rocked the Student Center. Diwali, the "festival of lights" was celebrated, marked by loud music, bright lights, and colorful attires, topped off by an Indians dinner. Approximately 100-150 people from different ethnic backgrounds turned out for the event. Many of the Indian students decided to add a dash of excitement by getting dressed up for the event in national costumes.

However the entire show was not all fun. A controversy sparked over the music played by DJ Atul Sardana, left a lot of the crowd frowning. On being asked about the details of what exactly went wrong, Mr. Sardana commented that just when everything was going smoothly, his play-list ran into some rough weather due to repeated demands by some members of the club to play Indian music. The play-list was predetermined, which was a medley of techno, rap, R&B, soul and Indian music. This was determined keeping in mind the culturally diverse turnout. On being questioned, another member of the Indian Student Association, under the condition of anonymity, commented that "the music that was eventually played was not what we had exactly planned on." Apparently, there was a greater demand for Indian music considering the major turnout. However Mr. Sardana Atul added,



Party goers in traditional dress enjoyed a night of music and ethnic food.

"It was only fair that we play what we advertised on the flyers, i.e., a mixture." He went on to say that "since everyone paid to be a part of the event it was necessary that we take everybody into consideration."

Not everyone was complaining on the other hand. Marc Goring, an American student who attended the party with a few other friends, describes the controversy over the music as something that was "unfortunate" but claimed to have a wonderful time dancing to the beats of Indian music and learning a few moves himself. Overall the party seemed to have sailed along smoothly, if we overlook a few misunderstandings and petty differences that are always a part of any mega-event.

## Map Art in University Gallery

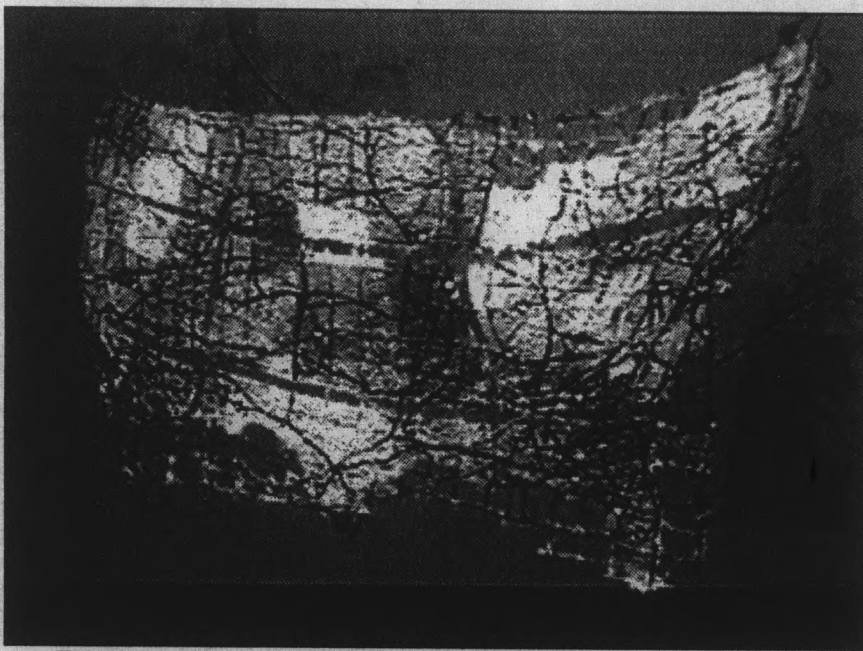
by Arman Gevorgyan

At present, the University Gallery in the Arnold Bernhard Center is hosting two exhibitions. Jane Ingram Allen, a contemporary American artist, is the author of one exposition, "The Map Room." The second exhibition is being put on by the UB Integrated Media Arts Department faculty.

"The Map Room" contains several map compositions on hand-made paper covered with acrylic paint. The paintings, hung from the ceiling with string, are two-sided, with a real-world map on one side, and usually some symbol or sign on the other. One of the artworks displays the United States map and the American flag on its two sides. Another composition shows the towns of the states where the artist lived. Professor Kaz Mc Cue, the University Gallery Manager, supervised the installation and said, "It was really fun arranging these artworks in the Gallery." Professor Mc Cue indicated that he positioned several maps in a circle to create a "carousel effect."

Ms. Allen's exhibition also includes several pencil drawings on the gallery wall and a large collage that the artist made from discontinued AAA maps. The drawings were also created on handmade paper that was attached to the gallery walls. The maps for the collage were supplied by the AAA office in Utica, New York, where Ms. Allen's husband worked.

Another room of the Gallery is dedicated to the exhibition organized by UB's Integrated Media Arts Department faculty. The exhibition includes sculptures, paintings, photographs, and computer graph-



Two sided maps on hand-made paper hanging from the ceiling to give a circular feeling.

ics. Although the media of the artworks are strikingly different, the exhibition itself leaves the impression of unity with this distinctness. Professor Sean Nixon, head of the Integrated Media Arts Department, said, "We wanted to put together this diverse exhibition so that our students and Gallery visitors could see the vibrancy and diversity of our department." Professor Nixon plans to organize annual shows of the faculty artwork in the fall, and student artwork in the spring.

"The Map Room" and the Integrated Media Art Faculty exhibition will be on display in the University Gallery until November 21. The Gallery is located on the first floor of the ABC building. It is open Tuesday through Thursday from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call the Gallery Manager, Professor Mc Cue, at extension 4402, or his secretary, at extension 4239.

## Upcoming Events

Saturday,  
November 14, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.  
Student Center Social Room  
"Himalayan Night"  
Food, Dances and Fashion Show of the Himalayan countries  
\$5 in advance, \$6 at door

Tuesday,  
November 17, 8:30 p.m.  
Cartensen Hall  
Discussion on "Meditation"  
Sponsored by World CARP

Thursday,  
November 19, 12:15 p.m.  
Harvey Hubbell Gym  
Annual 2.7 mile Turkey Trot  
Register at Wheeler Rec. with 2 canned goods

Friday,  
November 20, 9 p.m.-1a.m.  
Wheeler Rec. Center  
"Wild Video Dance Party"  
Sponsored by Latin American Club  
BYOB

Friday,  
November 27, 4 p.m.  
UB Marshals Campus Clean-up  
Refreshments provided

Friday,  
November 27, 5 p.m.  
Carstensen Hall  
"Day after Thanksgiving Spaghetti Dinner"  
Sponsored by IRC, \$2

Every Friday, 3:30 p.m.  
Warner Hall, room 118  
Counseling Services Chat Group

To be adopted for a Thanksgiving Dinner  
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### SPORTS

Saturday,  
November 14  
Harvey Hubbell Gym  
"Famous Pizza Classic"  
Men's and Women's Basketball  
Time- TBA

Sunday,  
November 15  
Harvey Hubbell Gym  
Men's and Women's Basketball  
"Famous Pizza Classic"  
Time- TBA

Saturday, November 21, 4 p.m.  
Harvey Hubbell Gym  
Women's basketball vs. C.W. Post

To get your event publicized in this column  
Call The Scribe at X4382 or Seemanti



## Miscellaneous

Virtual jourey to Yellowstone  
of Russia

by Sasha Shetty

Professor John Nicholas, more popularly known as "Doc Roc," took UB students and faculty on a virtual trip to Kamchatka on Novmber 5. This SCUBA-sponsored event, at the Student Center, left everyone spellbound and breathless by the exotic and untouched beauty of a somewhat lost world called Kamchatka.

Professor Nicholas undertook his expedition to Kamchatka from June 20 to July 7 earlier this year. He believes that his travelling around the world has made him a better teacher with better experiences. He has his Ph.D. in Geology, and considers geology his "passion for the last 28 years." He claims that "if you have the health, time, and the means to do something, then you can fulfill your dreams."

Kamchatka is a region of Russia which was not open to outsiders, especially Americans, until the breakup of the Soviet Union back in 1991. Kamchatka is approximately the size of Montana, and is known as the "Yellow Stone" of Russia because of its beau-

tiful scenery. A sparsely-populated region, Kamchatka is known for its twenty-nine active volcanoes, and is reputed to have more brown bears than any other park in the world. Professor Nicholas undertook his journey aboard the ship, "The World Discoverer," along with 120 other travelling tourists and scientists. A travelling distance of 2800 miles, he aptly named his adventure "Fire and Ice," on account of the varied geographical conditions in Kamchatka.

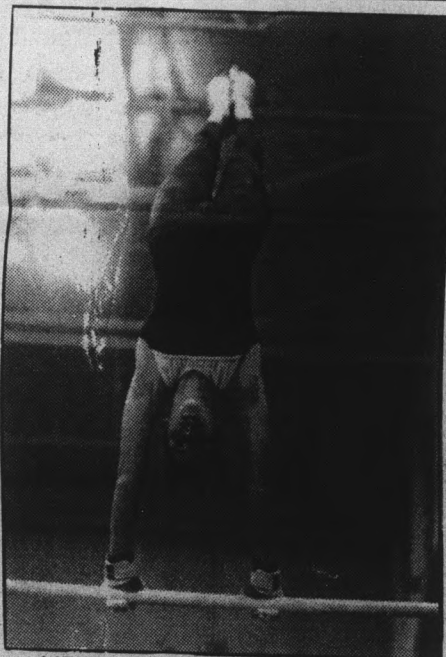
Professor Nicholas believes that "nature is special" and that is why he has made it his business to visit all 50 states in the United States, and the 7 continents of the world. His future escapades include a trip to Chile on December 27 later this year. His wife will accompany him on his adventure, much like in the past, and is every bit as enthusiastic as he is. Mrs. Nicholas is trained as a marine biologist.

Professor Nicholas was awarded "Professor of the Year" award for 1996-1997. He considers it to be "the biggest thrill of my professional life."

## From Gymnastics, page 3

making the team. In her speech, she stressed the importance of hard work, desire and support of family. Ms. Borden then introduced Ms. Chow, her friend and former teammate, who performed a stunning floor exercise. Those who attended the event no doubt experienced a little piece of the magnificence displayed in the Summer Olympic Games. Ms. Chow's floor exercise gave all of the young gymnasts who were present an inspirational jolt, as well as something to remember for the rest of their lives.

After Ms. Chow's performance, both Ms. Chow and Ms. Borden took the floor to field questions. They said that they are both currently attending college, still continue to work out in the gym (although only when they have time, instead of for eight or more grueling hours a day), and that they are both just normal people who just held tight to their dreams until they came true. One thing that the Olympians



UB Gymnastics team member practicing on the bars

stressed was that as long as you try and give it your best, then you are a winner no matter what happens.

## From IPED, page 3

program was then handed over to the University Administration where it was technically developed and later approved.

The program will start in two stages. Classes in relation to the new major will begin in the Spring 1999 and the major is hoped to be fully implemented by the Fall of that year. The program is to be a part of the new College of Nations which is to be established by the next academic year. Director of the College of Nations, Dr. Hans van der Geissen says that, "the program is to move away from the traditional disciplines like political science and economics into an integrated discipline called political economy, which was very common in 19th and 18th century."

Dean Guerra is optimistic about the new program. "The future is very

bright. UB's innovations are widely imitated in Connecticut and beyond. UB has pioneered the way for new approaches such as the IDEAL program, the Accelerated program, Distance Learning and Alternative medicine." He believes that this program would do the same. He also says that many UB students that have Social Science undergraduate majors do go on to obtain a business graduate degree. He adds that "this would be the best foundation for such work... and also become effective business leaders."

The College of Nations will specialize in international studies, which will also include another recently approved major, World Religions. The program will feature studies of Hinduism, Christianity, Islam and Buddhism. There will also be a possibility of moving the social sciences from the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences to the College of Nations.

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## Coming out day at UB

## Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Awareness Days

by Roxann Blackburn

In an effort to create more homosexual awareness and dialogue among students on-campus, Students For Students, a volunteer organization for UB students, and Student Development, in conjunction with SCUBA, sponsored three days of gay, lesbian and bisexual awareness, from October 27-29.

Among the events held was a round table discussion in the Private Dining Room of the Student Center on October 29, featuring gay and lesbian students. The topic of discussion was "Real People, Real Stories."

Although the forum was open to all students and faculty, there was not a large turn-out. However, this did not dull nor hinder the open dialogue that took place. In the discussions, students and guests were able to share their personal stories and experiences. They were able to share freely their difficulties and triumphs of being homosexual, and coping with the struggles of homosexual friends and family. Moreover, they were able to offer each other support, friendship and guidance.

One of the main feelings expressed by some students at the discussion was that there seem to be a general sense

of uneasiness, and a conservatism among students on campus towards gay students. One student spoke of an incident where she was spat on by another student because she was gay. In addition, organizers of the discussion commented that there was some resistance towards awareness activities. One member of Students for Students remarked that some of the flyers posted for the event were removed from various places after they were posted.

Another issue arising from the discussion was that despite the diversity of this University, there is still a need for more ongoing awareness programs about homosexuality and the homosexual lifestyle.

On the other hand, not all comments made at the discussion about homosexual students and UB were negative. One couple at the event spoke of the support and acceptance they received from students and staff towards them. They commented that since attending UB, they have not had any bad experiences from anyone on campus. In essence, the discussion was held in an atmosphere of openness and support, with an emphasis on creating more open dialogue and more education on gays, lesbians, and bisexuals.



# Six teams show despite cold weather

**by Kunal Sharma**  
The UB World Cup, organized by the Japanese Student Association and World CARP, kicked off on November 7 at the UB soccer fields with welcoming remarks by the President of the Student Congress, Ashok Regmi. The teams participating were Korea, Nepal, Africa, China, Malaysia, Bulgaria, India and Japan. The Indian team, however, did not turn up for the event. This event was sponsored by the Student Congress, Subway, Carvel's ice-cream,

and Fuji Mart. The format of the game was two halves of twenty minutes each, with a five minute break in-between. The winning team took away a gift voucher of \$150 from Famous Pizza. The equipment for this event was provided by the UB soccer team Coach, Joe Barroso.

The final game was played between Bulgaria and Japan and was a pleasure to watch. The teams remained 0-0 until extra time, and were tied at 5-5 after the penalty shootout. Ultimately, Bulgaria won the match in sudden death.

The prize for the Best Supporters went to Korea.

The Bulgarian Captain, Boyan Andreev was very pleased with the way the tournament was organized, but found the cold weather a bit disturbing for both players and organizers. The Japanese Captain, Takayuki Higa, found it to be a good student activ-



ity and hoped to have more countries participating in the next World Cup.

All in all, it was a wonderful effort on behalf of the organizing committee headed by the President of World CARP, Harumi Kawamura, and the student advisor of the Japanese Student Association, Toshihiro Yamane. They plan to hold this event once every year.

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Bulgaria over Malaysia (2-0)  
Japan over India (walkover)  
Nepal over Korea (2-0)

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## Sports

## Successful volleyball season almost at an end

by Dale Carnegie

The women's volleyball season is almost over, and it has been a season to remember. With some strong recruiting in the summer and a lot of hard work, Coach Debra Larson and her team have been able to make a complete turn around from last season. This team has made their presence felt in the league, and have proven themselves to be of championship caliber. The women's volleyball team has played and defeated some of the stronger teams in the conference this year. Many of UB's opponents say UB is the team to beat in the tournament.

The NECC conference championship is quickly approaching, and UB is at the top of their game. As a result of their strong play in the regular season, this team is now in a position to go all the way. According to Coach Larson, it was important that her team stay consistent and injury-free. The volleyball team did exactly that, they were not only able to remain consis-

tent, they have also been able to utilize each player's talents, and take advantage of their size and speed.

With Valerie Steen and Hitomi Hayashi up front, making the blocks and dishing out the kills, it is no wonder that UB was successful this season. Julie Jarvis has been a vital component in UB's success this season. Ms. Jarvis leads the team in assists.

These aggressive players showcased their talents in the home games on Saturday, October 31, and Wednesday, November 4. UB hosted New Hampshire College on October 31, and it was supposed to be a very competitive game, but UB was too much for New Hampshire to handle. UB dominated from the beginning as Ms. Hayashi and Ms. Steen terrorized New Hampshire up front. They were unstoppable as they blasted spike after spike down the throats of the New Hampshire players. After the first ten minutes of the game, the expression on the faces of the New Hampshire players told the story. UB had won the game



The players are ready to go straight to the top

with an exclamation point at the end.

Unfortunately, the results were not the same for the game against Adelphi University. UB fell victim to the strength of Adelphi's team. It was a hard fought game but UB was not able to muscle it out.

Judging by their season performance, UB will not let that loss shake their spirits. With the NECC championship in progress this team will need to be confident, and trust in their strength and their ability as a team. The girls volleyball team is big up front, quick in the backcourt, and versatile throughout the bench. Hopefully, they will be able to capitalize on the talent they possess. The NECC is a highly competitive division, therefore in order to be successful in the championship, the girls will have to orchestrate a well-devised playbook.

## Soccer season at an end

by Dale Carnegie

The men's soccer season has concluded, and there have been some good moments, but overall some of the players would like to forget what happened. The season started off slow and dragged along for most of the first half. What happened at the beginning, however, by no means predicted the outcome of the season. They made a complete turn-around and were able to finish the season with some dignity.

The poor start at the beginning of the season diminished the hopes of some of the players on the team. The younger players on the team never knew what hit them. They were not ready for the mental and physical intensity of the competition.

The older members of the team did an excellent job of instilling confidence and mental toughness into the younger players. This resulted in the team making an unbelievable run at the end of the season. They completed a six game winning streak to get back into the competition.

The last game of the season was played at UMass-Lowell. UB defeated UMass 4-1 with an outstanding team effort. UB got off to a slow start in that game, giving up an early goal. One of the mid-fielders from UMass slipped through the UB defense, putting up a perfectly-placed ball past the outstretched arms of UB goal keeper Mr. Adam Dodge. It was a great effort by Dodge, but he could not stop UMass from scoring the first goal.

After the first goal, UB slowly started to dominate the game. Captain Magnus Nilerud ran over three UMass players to score the go-ahead goal with a crash knee header in the first half,



Players determined to get a victory

putting UB up by one.

The men's soccer season finished with a final record of 7-11-1. This has been a season filled with its ups and downs, but in the end UB showed that they have the pride and talent to be a force in this league. UB made a complete turn-around from the poor start at the beginning of the season. Captain Nilerud, Henrik Johnson, and Walter Gomez, especially made outstanding contributions to the team throughout the season.

Mid-fielder Freddie Dueque, and Simon Kay deserves special mention for keeping this team going when everything seemed bleak and hopeless. With this kind of talent on the team, it is unfortunate that UB did not do better this season. According to some of the players, UB has a tremendous amount of talent on the team this year. The question is, will UB be able to utilize this talent in the upcoming years?

Soccer is alive at UB, and the six game winning streak proves that. It may take a lot of hard work, but UB has the potential to be at the top of the conference in the future. According to freshman Oliver Koneth, "we have a lot of talent, and there is no doubt that we will be carrying home the championship in a few years."

## Scoreboard

## Women's Soccer

Molloy	Win, 1-0
New York Tech	Win, 4-3
St. Anselm	Tie, 3-3
New Haven	Loss, 6-0

## Men's Soccer

American Int'l	Loss, 1-2
Molloy	Win, 1-0
Mercy	Win, 3-2
Sacred Heart	Win, 2-1

## Volleyball

Dowling	Loss, 3-1
Teikyo Post	Win, 3-0
New Hampshire Col.	Win, 3-1
Adelphi	Loss, 3-1

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## Athletic Profiles

Player Name: Julie Jarvis

Sport: Volleyball &amp; Soccer

Age: 20

Major: Human Services

Hometown: Buffalo, Wyoming

Hobbies: Athletics, Reading,  
Collecting roses, and Harley  
Davidsons.

Description: Julie is a key component to both UB's volleyball team and soccer team. Julie leads the women's volleyball team in assists, and assists per game. She is fourth on the team in kills, and second in aces. Although Julie has seen a lot of game time this season, she has committed very few errors. Julie has been the catalyst for UB's offensive charge.

Future Dream: High school counselor, with a degree in auto mechanics and welding.

Player Name: Adam Mc Larin

Sport: Baseball &amp; Cross-Country

Age: 20

Major: Business Legal Administration

Hometown: Shoreham, NY

Hobbies: Baseball, Weightlifting

Description: Adam completed an outstanding pre-season for UB. He has endured a serious arm injury, and has made a strong come-back with more control than before. Head Coach of the baseball team, Matt Reed, states that Adam had an exceptional pre-season, even more so because he has performed as a leader for the team. Adam almost went the entire pre-season without giving up a single earned run.

Future Dream: To play professional baseball. If not, to be a police officer or a lawyer.